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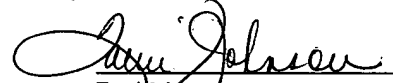
Title: **WEIGHTED FLUID EXTRACTION TUBE**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendment and Remarks for consideration.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A weighted fluid extraction tube, comprising:
a fluid extraction tube having a fluid delivery end and a fluid pick-up end, wherein the fluid delivery end is configured for being attached to a body in a manner enabling fluid to be extracted from within a fluid container and dispensed via the body; and
a weighting element attached to the fluid extraction tube adjacent to the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube, wherein the weighting element provides for